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IN RE: Petitioner: [redacted]
Beneficiary

Petition: Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a)

IN BEHALF OF PETITIONER: Self-represented

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INSTRUCTIONS:
This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office which originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i).

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FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER,
EXAMINATIONS

Terrance M. O'Reilly, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The nonimmigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center, and is now before the Associate Commissioner for Examinations on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The petitioner is a farm and cattle ranch. It desires to employ the beneficiary as a farm laborer for a period of one year. The petition was not accompanied by the required temporary agricultural labor certification, ETA-750. The director determined that absent the certification, the petitioner failed to meet the regulatory requirements necessary for approval of the petition.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. 214.2(h)(5)(i)(A) states in pertinent part that:

> An H-2A petition must be filed on Form I-129. This petition must be filed with a single valid temporary agricultural labor certification.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. 214.2(h)(5)(i)(D) states in pertinent part that a H-2A petition:

> will be automatically denied if filed without the certification evidence required in paragraph (h)(5)(i)(A) of this section....

The petition was filed on July 27, 1998 without a temporary agricultural labor certification. Absent such documentation, the petition cannot be approved.

The burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 1361. Here, the petitioner has not met that burden.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.